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CANNON BALL, N.D. — The makeshift protesters' village here near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers is buzzing. While the Dakota Access pipeline grinds forward, more than 1,000 opponents at the Sacred Stone Camp delegate daily chores, listen to speakers at the central campfire and plan civil disobedience actions designed to halt the "black snake" that has brought them all together. But less than 20 miles away, pipeline workers are on the move. After a federal court last weekend gave Dakota Access the all-clear to continue construction up to the edge of a dammed section of the Missouri River known as Lake Oahe, the company has taken quick action.

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